

Questions and Answers (True/False)

Over the years, with the increase in the use of drugs, a new pattern of drug use has developed - use of multiple drugs. With this pattern of use comes a more serious health risk - the complication arising from the body's attempt to respond to multiple changes, brought on by drugs that may counteract or enhance the actions of other drugs already present in the body.

Use of multiple drugs, in some cases, is more dangerous than use of a single substance of abuse!

Test your knowledge of the effects of multiple drug use by answering the following True/False questions.

1. Marijuana and Alcohol

Alcohol is used with marijuana to make the marijuana "high" last longer.

When alcohol and marijuana are used together, the body's craving for marijuana is much stronger.

2. Steroid stacking refers to the use of more than one steroid at the same time.

Anabolic steroid stacking can cause an increase in the side effects of the steroids, including impotence in men and male traits in women.

Use of more than one steroid will not prevent "roid rage," the extremely aggressive behavior that often occurs when steroids are used.

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3. Ice and Alcohol

Since ice causes such an intense “high” and “low,” alcohol is often used to mellow the low or deep depression.

When ice and alcohol are used together, the paranoia, fatigue, depression and loss of control are likely to be more intense.

4. Alcohol and Cocaine

Alcohol used with cocaine to prolong the “high” actually causes changes in the body’s liver function.

Alcohol will not protect you from the side effects of cocaine, such as mood swings, nervousness and depression.

5. Crack and Marijuana

When freebases cannot get crack, they often use and become addicted to other drugs, such as PCP, anti-depressants or marijuana to relieve the anxiety and intense craving for crack.

Crack and marijuana used together often cause hallucinations, seizures and strokes.

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6. PCP and Crack

When PCP is smoked with crack, increased levels of paranoia and violence may occur.

“Love boat with a kick” (marijuana, PCP and cocaine), may cause high blood pressure, heart problems and hallucinations.

7. Inhalants and Marijuana

Marijuana and inhalants used regularly may cause severe irritation of the nose and throat.

Use of this combination of drugs can lead to use of stronger drugs to achieve a more intense “high.”

8. Amphetamines and Opiates

Use of “uppers” and “downers” to counteract the highs and lows of drug use causes an addictive cycle of dependence.

When amphetamines and opiates are used together, overdoses are sometimes difficult to detect and may be fatal.

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